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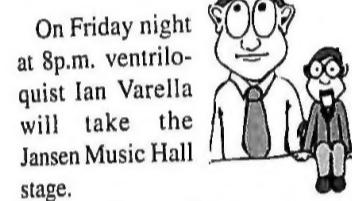
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what's UP on campus

It's Showtime



On Friday night at 8p.m. ventriloquist Ian Varella will take the Jansen Music Hall stage.

Varella is one of the most popular ventriloquists at comedy clubs, college campuses, and on TV these days. He has appeared on HBO, Showtime.

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Students in
Bobbie
Silk's
Critical
Thought
and Writing
Class get in
the mood
to write.

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Jessica Jacobs, leads Julie Tompkins, Christine Dobelmann, Angela Meyer, Tricia Sheridan, Christina Manders and Jorge Osorio in a conga dance

photo by Julie Kemp

Mysteries of the mind



Mind reader Chrisopher Carter will take over the Kehl Center on Saturday, March 21.

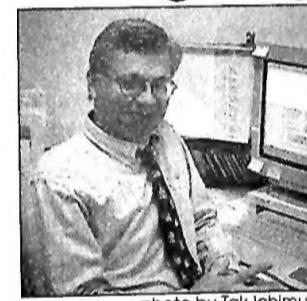
Using the techniques of the professional psychic he leads audiences on a tour through the mysteries of the mind. There is nothing supernatural about it. But through the highly developed application of psychology and advanced people reading skills, he weaves a spell of mystery not to be forgotten.

Giving that language a second chance

By TRICIA BRIMEYER
Staff Reporter

I t's almost advising time: the time to walk into your adviser's office and determine once more what remaining classes you need in order to graduate. At this point the last thing you want to hear is a sales pitch about adding an unnecessary class to your course load.

But one pitch you might want to take special notice of is any encouragement to take a foreign language.



Kirt Murray

Take, for instance, Kirt Murray. Kirt is not a traditional student, nor is he a TimeSaver student. He is Director of Publications here at Clarke, and has chosen all on his own to take a French course. So

why would someone not required to take a language do so?

Beyond the obvious benefits of knowing another language, a foreign language on your resume, and especially statements of proficiency, is a great selling point in today's international business world.

Many college students avoid taking a language because of a bad experience in high school, maybe an ineffective teacher or the fear of embarrassment.

Kirt, like many students, became frustrated with his French studies in high school. "I was

motivated to learn the language, but found it frustrating right away because of the teacher and how the class was taught. I had to listen to tapes, memorize dialogues and learn pronunciation rather than learning usable phrases," he explains.

In college, Kirt again tried to learn French. But the teaching methods were the same as in high school. The motivation was still there, however. He did not return to French until he came to Clarke.

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EVENTS		
FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
20 Mid Semester Movie Hercules Union 8pm Ventriloquist Ian Varella JMH 8pm	21 E.S.P. Guru Christopher Carter JMH 8pm Movie Hercules Union 10pm	22 R.A Selection Susan Werner in Concert JMH 7:30pm
TUESDAY 24 Reconciliation SHC 8pm Cafe au Clarke Union 8-11pm	WEDNESDAY 25 Senior Dinner Atrium 5pm Prayer Service Campus Ministry Ct 9:45pm	THURSDAY 26 Movie The Saint Union 8pm Musical Menus on Broadway Atrium 6:30pm Bible Study Campus Ministry

INSIDE

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Warm weather and white sandy beaches
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As Good As it Gets
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10 Questions for Shuttle Bus Driver Richard Strohmeyer

There are some people here at Clarke that everyone is aware of, but not too many people know much about them. Well now it is time to bring into the light one of those often overlooked people. Richard Strohmeyer is one of the tri-college shuttle bus drivers and a man of mystery. He has been carting knowledge seekers and college students around Dubuque for the last ten years. He is the guy to ask directions of. Let's take a look into the mind of Richard as we delve deep into his psyche with...

Ten Questions

What is your favorite TV show?

"60 minutes"

What is your favorite part of your job?

. "Meeting the students."

What is the capital of Assyria?

"I don't know, I'm not the intellectual type"

What is your favorite street?

"North Grandview"

What is your favorite song?

"Splish Splash"

If you were a tree, what kind of tree would you be?

"Blue Spruce"

Do you recommend a brand of toothpaste?

"Colgate"

What is your favorite math equation?

"Don't have one"

What is your favorite soup?

"Chicken Noodle"

If you were any kind of button, what kind of button would you be?

"An elevator button"

(He's informed)

(Personable)

(Not the intellectual type)

(No side street kind of guy)

(Sings with rubber ducky)

(His bark is worse than his bite)

(4 out of 5 bus drivers agree....)

(He's interesting)

(All-American)

(He's good to the last drop)

There you have it. An in-depth look at the man who took over for our mothers and got the job of driving us around. Now that you know a little bit about him don't be afraid to say, "Hi!"

CLASS ACTS



Students in Bobbie Silk's Critical Thought and Writing class are "busting a move" in the interest of improving their writing.

Each semester Silk experiments with using the Conga Dance to help students learn to write about their personal feelings.

The Conga, which originated in South America, is part of a narrative essay assignment in the class.

"For a few years I asked students to write about a past experience and reflect on their feelings," says Silk. "But it seemed that they were having trouble expressing their emotions. So I decided to try a common experience in class and have students write about their feelings separate from the facts of the event."

Students line up with hands on each other's shoulders and the leader sets the pace for the Conga line as it snakes around the room.

"The Conga Dance is something different that can generate numerous responses," says Silk.

"The students can remember their reactions and make it non-personal as opposed to writing about a past experience that is personal."

What do the students think of this exercise? Freshman Julie Tompkins says, "The dance was a little out of the ordinary; however, it helped me to write a better essay."

—Carrie Barth, Staff Reporter

Foreign Language

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DON'TS

1. Don't try to over-impress.
2. Don't be afraid to ask questions.
3. Don't violate any policies this week.
4. Don't think your life as a normal student won't change.
5. Don't have preconceived notions about the selection process.
6. Don't write a script.
7. Don't take any decisions personally.

When Kirt learned that he was able to take classes here at Clarke, he looked into the French offerings immediately.

Before he signed up for a course, though, he talked to Dennis Conrad, assistant professor of French, and learned that he had a

different style of teaching based on the communicative approach. Kirt has since been taking French and is quite willing to offer his insights into why.

"This course has been more difficult than any other because you have to learn the meanings of everything and a lot of practice is involved," says Kirt.

However, he adds, "It is both easier and more difficult than I thought. It gets to the point where

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the language just happens without thinking, and that point came sooner than I thought. It is quite rewarding."

He has taken the opportunity to travel to Quebec where he developed great confidence in being able to jump into another culture and survive.

Kirt's plans to continue studying French and also to travel to Paris this summer with Clarke's Summer Study in France, a program open to all students.

"The best thing is to see another culture, looking at it helps you understand your own," he said.

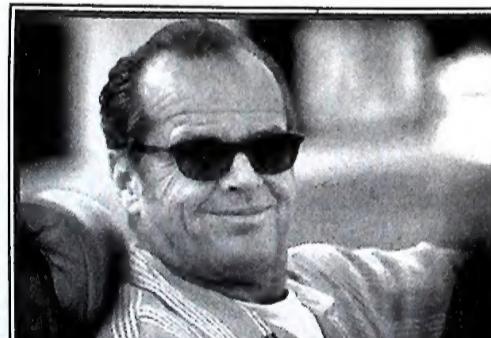
Dennis Conrad agreed, saying that one of the greatest benefits

of language study is the opportunity to travel.

He was also quick to add that Kirt represents a success story for foreign languages.

"It shows what the truly motivated foreign language learner can attain in three semesters. Kirt has a very useful level of proficiency," he said.

Conrad added, "Many times, like Kirt, students will have a bad experience with a language and become discouraged. But it takes time, and Kirt proves that it can be done."



Movie in Review

As Good As It Gets

By JULIE KEMP
Staff Reporter

"As Good As It Gets" is a dramatic comedy featuring first-time Oscar nominees Helen Hunt and Greg Kinnear. Also appearing are Oscar winners Jack Nicholson and Cuba Gooding, Jr. The story is based around Nicholson's character, an obsessive-compulsive writer named Melvin Udell, and his relationships with the people around him. Circumstances force Udell to develop friendships with Carol, his favorite waitress, and Simon, his artist neighbor. The film chronicles the physical and mental changes these characters undergo as their relationships evolve. The finest element of this movie is the flawless dialogue, which animates the characters and gives them empathetic personalities. The performances by Nicholson, Hunt and Kinnear are worthy of their Academy-Award nominations. Emotions run deep at times, but the comic aspect keeps the film lighthearted. I recommend this film to a mature audience who can appreciate its subtle humor.

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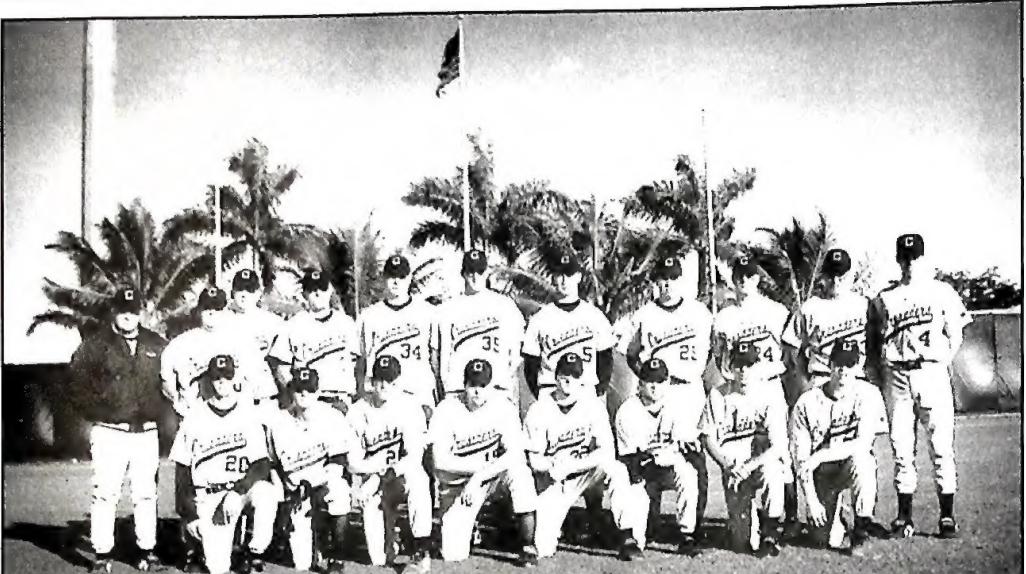
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PICTURED: Head coach, Sam Knaack (left) and 1998 Clarke Baseball Team in Homestead, Florida where they enjoyed competing in the warm weather.

New faces bring high expectations for men's baseball team

By DARREN DYKSTRA
Staff Reporter

Spring is around the corner, believe it or not. This means one thing: Crusader baseball is in full swing.

Head Coach Sam Knaack has many viewpoints on the 1998 season. While past Clarke teams have been known for their offensive power, Knaack said this year's team will be known for its defense and pitching.

The pitching staff includes top returnee Jason Beneke of Waukon, Iowa, who had an ERA of 3.86 last season and led the team with 36 strike outs.

Positioned as the number two pitcher this season will be junior Dale Cary from Geneseo, Illinois. Cary will also see time as the designated hitter.

The number three pitcher on the staff is junior Bill Zibell of Round Lake, Illinois. Zibell will also be in the field for the Crusaders.

The number four pitcher for the Crusaders is freshman Scott Althoff Dubuque, who will also see time at third base.

Top returnees from last year include senior first baseman Shannon Purvis of Oswego, Illinois, who led the team in batting average (.366) and was named to the all-Northern-Illinois-Iowa Conference team.

Expected to make key contributions for the Crusaders are junior college transfers Troy Pafford and Jason Thomasson, both of Elizabeth, Illinois.

Also returning from last season is senior Brad Tichler of Morrison, Illinois, who started all 35 games last season and compiled an average of .226.

Making the transition from catcher to centerfield is junior Darren Dykstra, also from Morrison, Illinois. Dykstra finished the 1997 season behind Purvis, with a batting average of .330.

Doing the designated hitting for the Crusaders this season will be senior Dave Ludin from Port

Byron, Illinois. Also back from the 1997 Clarke team is Jim Schauer of East Dubuque, Illinois.

Doing the catching for Clarke this year will be freshman Adam Feyen of Dubuque, Iowa. Feyen was a 1996 second team all-conference, all-area and all-district catcher at Wahlert High school.

Expected to make key contributions for the Crusaders are Junior College transfers Troy Pafford and Jason Thomasson, both of Elizabeth, Illinois. Pafford and Thomasson transferred to Clarke from Highland Community College where they were both named all-conference and earned all-region honors.

Knaack's Crusader roster also includes transfers Rob Bauhmover of Dubuque, Chad Scheider of Lena, Illinois, both of whom will play key infield roles.

Other new faces on the team include freshman Trevor Albrecht (OF, Elizabeth, Ill.), Josh Herbst (INF/P, Dubuque) and Kyle Hodel (INF/C, Cornland, Ill.).

The Crusaders will make their home debut on March 15, hosting Grinnell College in a double-header at Senior High School.

Warm weather helps women's softball team open with a 3-0 slate

By BRAIN STEUER
Staff Reporter

The Clarke Women's softball team traveled to Port St. Lucie, Florida, for three games during spring break. They first took on and defeated St. Scholastica 13-6. They were led by junior Liz Constantini who had a home run and three RBI's. Freshman Jennifer Hansen picked up the win in that game.

In the second game, Clarke took on Olivet College and came away with a 7-4 victory. Sophomore Sarah Bennett went 2-2 that game and Constantini contributed with 4 RBI's. Freshman Sarah Murray was credited with the victory for that game.

Hopefully they will stay hot, as they open the home portion of their schedule on March 17 against Iowa Wesleyan.

Clarke men's volleyball competes in California

By BRAIN STEUER
Staff Reporter

In the third game, which is unofficial (won't count towards its overall record), Clarke took on Indian River Community College. This game was a close one, but Clarke came away victorious with an 8-7 win. Senior Julie Bex went 3-3 and freshman Megan Koppenhoefer went 3-4 with a double, triple, and three RBI's. Hansen picked up her second win of the trip.

Senior Jill Christopher thought the trip was a great experience. "It gave us an early jump on the season, and let us see what we need to work on. Plus it was fun to get away from this cold weather."

Hopefully they will stay hot, as they open the home portion of their schedule on March 17 against Iowa Wesleyan.

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Horrible beasts and more...

The Horrible Beasts', 'Lookin' into the Mirror,' 'Beauty without Cruelty,' are just some of the topics that will be discussed at the Research Conference this Friday, April 3. The conference sponsored by The Clarke Honors Program will be held from 3-7 p.m. in Catherine Byrne Hall.

Clarke students will present their research projects in a 10-15 minute presentation. Although a majority of conference presenters will be upper classmen, a number of freshman Honor students will present research from the Honors Colloquium well.

Kent Anderson, associate professor of philosophy and director of Honors program said, "The conference will provide a great learning experience for the freshmen preparing for presentations in the future."

Special Announcement
Sr. Helen Prejean, author of "Dead Man Walking," will bring the message against capital punishment to Clarke College Tuesday, April 14, at 10 a.m., in Jansen Music Hall. The public is invited to attend. Admission is free.

SPORTS CALENDAR

Women's Softball

Sat., March 21, Mount St. Clare, Home, 1 p.m.
Wed., March 25, Cornell College, Away, 4 p.m.

Men's Baseball

Sun., March 22, St. Ambrose, Home, noon.
Wed., March 25, UW-Platteville, Away, 1 p.m.

Men's Volleyball

March 20-21, Clarke Challenge, TBA
Wed., March 25, Marycrest International, Away



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